



*The Devonshire Quarenden.*

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THE DEVONSHIRE QUARENDEN, OR SACK APPLE.

This Apple is well known in the Nurseries about *London*, though little of its fruit is brought to market. It is generally supposed to be a native of *Devonshire*; in which county it is cultivated rather extensively, under the appellation of *Quarenden*, or *Quarener*. The tree is of luxuriant growth; its young shoots thick, of a purplish tint, downy towards their extremities; buds large; leaves rather long, deep green on their upper surface, cottony beneath; petioles rather thick; stipules very large, and leaf-like. Fruit from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in its transverse diameter; about one third less longitudinally; rather hollow at the eye; flat at the base; the footstalk inserted deeply in a very narrow cavity. Skin very fine red on the side next the sun, its surface highly polished, having a number of greenish dots interspersed; green on the other side. Flesh white, with a faint tint of green; very delicious when fresh, but losing much of its fine flavour in a few days after it is gathered. Calyx large, green, remaining perfect when the fruit is ripe. Seeds large, dark brown. It is in perfection on the tree from the latter end of July until the end of August\*.

\* It may not be improper to give the following memorandum of the ripening of this fruit in 1811. Specimens were received from J. SWAINSON, Esq. at *Twickenham*, on the 11th of July; from GEORGE OWEN, Esq. at *Camberwell*, on the 13th; from Mr. RONALDS, at *Brentford*, on the 28th; and from J. R. WHEELER, Esq. *Gloucester Place, New Road*, on the 10th of August.